

Amended Claims

1. A method for the haulage of subsurface-mined material with at least two vehicles, each vehicle featuring a travel drive, characterized in that the at least two similar vehicles are moved in the roadway section between the heading face and a continuously extended haulage means, wherein at least one material transfer from one vehicle to another similar vehicle takes place between the heading face and the transfer of the material to the haulage means.
2. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the at least two similar vehicles (1,2) are provided with linear conveying devices (3,4), e.g., conveyor belts, and wherein at least one linear conveying device (3,4) of each vehicle (1,2) is arranged on the vehicle frame such that it can be raised and lowered, as well as displaced in the conveying direction.
3. A method according to claim 2, characterized in that the linear conveying devices (3,4) of the vehicles (1,2) feature at least one articulated axle that extends transverse to the conveying direction.
4. A method according to claim 2 or 3, characterized in that the sections of the linear conveying device (3,4) of each vehicle (1,2) that are interconnected in an articulated fashion are connected to separate actuating drives for raising and lowering the sections.
5. A method according to one of claims 2-4, characterized in that at least one section of the linear conveying device (3,4) is realized in the form of a sled or connected to a sled that can be displaced in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle.
6. A method according to one of claims 2-5, characterized in that a conveying means (5) realized separately of a linear conveying device (3,4) is arranged underneath the linear

conveying device (3,4) such that it can be retracted into the vehicle frame and raised in an extended position.

7. A method according to one of claims 2-6, characterized in that the linear conveying device (3,4) and, if applicable, the additional separate conveying means (5) are realized such that they can be retracted into a position that essentially lies within the outline of the vehicle (1,2) in a top view thereof.

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